

Comments for Planning Application 21/00345/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 21/00345/FUL

Address: Wheatsheaf Yard, The Wheatsheaf High Street Oxford OX1 4DF

Proposal: Conversion of first and second floors to create 9no. student rooms, shared kitchen and common area. Formation of 2no. front dormers in association with a loft conversion. Removal of 1no. window to front elevation. Alteration to 1no. window and 1no. door to front elevation. Insertion of 1no. door to front elevation. Provision of bin and cycle stores

Case Officer: Tobias Fett

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Emma Carter-Biggs

Address: 59 Rivermead Rd Oxford Ox4 4ue

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Amount of development on site
- Effect on character of area
- General dislike or support for proposal

Comment: Oxford used to have a thriving music scene, with many bands achieving international success. Over the past few years the venues that such bands cut their teeth in have been closed down and converted into business units, accommodation etc. There are multiple new blocks of student accommodation being built, in addition to those already in existence, and whilst Oxford is a university town, it is rapidly becoming ONLY for the universities.

When the students aren't here, there are still thousands of residents. Their voices should count for something.

The wheatsheaf is one of the few remaining pubs in the centre of Oxford that plays live music, comedy and other live entertainments. It holds a unique position in the town, tucked away like a hidden treasure.

There is enough student development. We don't need more. We need to support live music and live entertainment. If Covid has taught us nothing it is that we need music. Without venues like the wheatsheaf there will be no new music, no new bands, no new entertainment, and the city will become a dead centre.

Please don't do this.